

# HAVE YOU CHECKED FOR LEAKS LATELY?

You've heard about accidents in industrial plants causing death of workers and serious health issues in surrounding neighborhood. You've heard about enormous water consumption leading to water shortage, contamination and sky-rocketing bills.

The culprit? - Leaks.

[Water and Gas Leaks](#) in even the most carefully designed plumbing system can happen. And if you are a businessman running a hotel, a restaurant, a condominium or a shopping mall --- paying attention to Water and Gas Leaks is no different from taking good care of your earnings.

Unlike the residential plumbing system, commercial plumbing is more complex requiring more advanced tools to detect water and gas leaks. You need [Commercial Plumbers](#) to do this and it is very important that you select one who specializes on the type of fix or detection that you need for your business location.

For your safety and protection, you need to know these signs for leaks in your system:

## **Gas Leak Indoor:**

You'll smell something resembling a rotten egg or you'll hear not so usual noises coming from your gas equipment.

If this happens, remember these: Do not attempt to turn gas valves on or off. Do not attempt to turn on or off any electrical switches. Do not attempt to use your telephone, mobile, or even a flashlight. Do not smoke (your lighter or match can cause ignition).

## **Gas Leak Outdoor:**

Suspect a gas leak if there's dirt or debris blown into the air. You will also notice constant bubbles from wet areas on the ground or if you have a pipeline in a vegetated area, the area could appear lifeless or discolored.

What to do:

1. Leave the vicinity immediately and ask people to stay away from the area.
2. Call 911 in a safe location or your local gas company.

## **Water Leak:**

If you don't want your vicinity (ditto your water bill) messed up, look for these water signs and get a reliable plumber immediately:

1. Constant water sound/dripping even if valve is turned off.
2. Running water meter when you turn off main switch.
3. Escalating water bill despite same consumption.
4. Unusually damp, spongy, or discolored floors or walls causing foul odor.
5. Unusual cracks on floor or walls.

All said, business establishments running multiple tenancies, complex kitchen operation, and the like should watch out for the inconspicuous (read: hole in your plumbing system). Just like industrial plants and factories, you are not exempted from mishap. It will drain your resources and worst, can cost lives.

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